

1. What was / has been your occupation before entering politics?

Prior to winning elected office, Cheryl Gallant was the Chief Administrative Director in a family-owned small business/professional practice with her spouse Jamie. Her work/life balance included her most important responsibility, mother to four daughters.

2. Do you live in the riding and, if so, how long has it been your home?

Cheryl Gallant followed her heart to the upper Ottawa Valley soon after graduating from University over 35 years ago. Cheryl has been a continuous resident ever since.

3. What has been your main involvement with your community outside of work (volunteer activities, etc.)?

Active in her community as Chairperson of the City of Pembroke Downtown Development Commission, Cheryl Gallant was also a member of the Economic Advisory Committee for the City, with a mandate to bring jobs to her community and re-vitalize the downtown core. Cheryl's community participation included membership with the local Kinettes chapter.

4. In your life what event, or book, or speech, or song or even TV show has made the biggest impression on you and your political thinking? Why?

Cheryl Gallant believes education is a life-long process. While the upper Ottawa Valley has attracted its fair share of characters, Cheryl found the life of Catherine de Hueck Doherty, the founder of Madonna House, inspirational.

Madonna House was founded on feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and helping refugees. Catherine believed these needs would always be there. She instructed others to be open to the needs of others and be willing to grow and change.

Catherine was not afraid to stand up to authority at a time when women were treated poorly. She stood her ground on her principles all her life.

5. What previous politician, (alive or dead, but not currently in parliament) is a role model for you?

Growing up in south-western Ontario, for Cheryl Gallant the larger-than-life local politician who she respected was former provincial cabinet Minister Darcy McKeough. When Darcy was faced with a perceived conflict, he did the honourable thing and resigned from cabinet. Now, strong cabinet Ministers with ethics are purged from their party, leaving the weakest behind. The ones who should resign, don't.

Today, role models like Darcy McKeough are hard to find in federal politics. Cheryl is very conscious of her responsibility as a role model for the next generation of politicians, particularly young women.

6. What policy in your party's platform do you think matters most to the people in your riding?

The policy in the Conservative platform that resonates most with voters in Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke Riding is the promise to scrap the Carbon Tax. What Canadians have been saying over the last four years is how expensive everything has become and how

difficult it is to keep up, let alone get ahead. No one wants higher taxes going forward. The carbon tax hurts people who can least afford higher taxes the most. Carbon taxes will keep rising in Canada as long as deficits keep rising. Voters in the Riding understand you eliminate the deficit by scrapping the carbon tax.

7. Recent polls suggest many Canadians are disillusioned with politics. If elected, what would you do to address those concerns?

The current Prime Minister's disrespect for Canadian Parliamentary democracy by not resigning in the wake of the SNC-Lavalin bribery and corruption scandal makes Canadians disillusioned with politics.

The healing process will only start by electing a new Prime Minister.

By re-electing Cheryl Gallant as the Member of Parliament for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, and to help address those concerns, Cheryl intends to re-introduce legislation she presented in the last Parliament, the Foreign Lobbyist Transparency Act.

That legislation sheds light on the big money foreign lobbyists spend to influence the Canadian public with mis-information. Knowledge is a powerful tool to fight the corruption that disillusion voters.